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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))

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the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

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the claims:

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 the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets/figs _____ the sequence listing (specify): _____ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify): _____

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 the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets/figs _____ the sequence listing (specify): _____ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1 - 9</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1 - 9</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1 - 9</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Amended claims have been submitted.

The documents cited in the International Search Report represent the prior art. The claimed invention stated in claims 1 - 9 is not anticipated by these documents. None of the documents or any relevant combination of them reveals a device, a method, and an use of the device as described by these claims.

According to the arguments stated above, the invention claimed in claims 1 - 9 is novel and considered to involve an inventive step. The industrial applicability of the claimed invention is obvious.

Claims

1. A device for purifying exhaust gases from a combustion engine (1), comprising an arrangement (30) for recirculating exhaust gases from the engine to an air intake (2) thereof, a valve device (12) controlled by a control device (13) for regulating the relation between fresh air and recirculated exhaust gases supplied to the engine, and a regenerable filter (8) adapted to catch particulate constituents of the exhaust gases, characterized in that the device comprises means (14) for recording the temperature of the exhaust gases from the engine, and that the control device (13) is adapted to be supplied with temperature information from said temperature recording means (14), the control device (13) being adapted, with the aid of this temperature information and the valve device (12), to regulate the relation between fresh air and recirculated exhaust gases supplied to the engine so as to achieve a composition of the exhaust gases from the engine that is favourable with respect to the regeneration of the filter (8).
2. A device according to claim 1, characterized in that the control device (13) is adapted, with the aid of said temperature information and the valve device (12), to regulate the relation between fresh air and recirculated exhaust gases supplied to the engine so that a regeneration of the filter (8) will take place at the prevailing temperature level of the exhaust gases.
3. A device according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the control device (13) is adapted, with the aid of said temperature information and the valve device (12), to regulate the relation between fresh air and recirculated exhaust gases supplied to the engine so as to achieve a relation between NO_x and soot of the exhaust gases from the

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engine that is favourable for the regeneration of the filter (8).

4. A device according to claim 3, characterized in that the device comprises means (7) for converting NO occurring in the exhaust gases into NO₂.
5. A device according to claim 4, characterized in that said converting means comprises a catalyst (7) capable of converting NO into NO₂, which is arranged upstream of the filter (8).
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6. A device according to claim 4 or 5, characterized in that said converting means comprises a catalytic material capable of converting NO into NO₂, which material is integrated in the filter (8).
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7. A device according to anyone of the preceding claims, characterized in that the filter (8) comprises a catalytic material capable of lowering the temperature at which particulate constituents deposited in the filter are ignited and combusted.
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8. A method for regulating the relation between supplied fresh air and recirculated exhaust gases of a combustion engine (1) which comprises an arrangement (30) for recirculating exhaust gases from the engine to an air intake (2) thereof, a valve device (12) controlled by a control device (13) for regulating the relation between fresh air and recirculated exhaust gases supplied to the engine and a regenerable filter (8) adapted to catch particulate constituents of the exhaust gases, characterized in that the temperature of the exhaust gases from the engine is recorded, and that the control device (13) is supplied with information regarding said temperature, the control device (13) regulating, with the aid of this temperature information and
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the valve device (12), the relation between fresh air and recirculated exhaust gases supplied to the engine so as to achieve a composition of the exhaust gases from the engine that is favourable with respect to the regeneration of
5 the filter.

9. A method according to claim 8, characterized in that the control device (13), with the aid of said temperature information and the valve device (12), regulates the relation between fresh air and recirculated exhaust gases supplied to the engine so that a regeneration of the filter (8) will take place at the prevailing temperature level of the exhaust gases.
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- 15 10. A method according to claim 8 or 9, characterized in that the control device (13), with the aid of said temperature information and the valve device (12), regulates the relation between fresh air and recirculated exhaust gases supplied to the engine so as to achieve a relation between NO_x and soot of the exhaust gases from the engine that is favourable for the regeneration of the filter (8).
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11. Use of a device according to anyone of claims 1-7 for purifying exhaust gases from a diesel engine.
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